

## **Florence Township Council Regular Session 05/19/21**

Florence, New Jersey  
May 19, 2021

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey. Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting electronically, in person attendance was not encouraged.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Garganio at 7:00 p.m. Council President Garganio led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the township clerk: This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 10, 2021; placed on the Township website, and given to the Trenton Times for information.

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Paul Ostrander, Jerry Sandusky David Woolston, Bruce Garganio

Also Present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator; Kelly Grant, Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Closed Session of May 5, 2021
- Executive Session of April 14, 2021
- Regular Session of April 21, 2021

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote – all ayes.

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to receive and file the following reports. Voice vote – all ayes.

- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for April 2021
- Tax Collector's Monthly Tax Report for April 2021
- Tax Collector's Monthly Water & Sewer Report for April 2021
- Municipal Treasurer's Budget Reports and Cash Reports for April 2021

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Garganio
  - NOES: None
  - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

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### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter from Judy King requesting permission to use the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street firehouse for the Florence Historical Society's Open House on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- B. Letter from Judy King requesting permission to use the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street firehouse for the meeting of the General Mercer Chapter of the DAR on October 2, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve the requests and receive and file the correspondence. Voice vote – all ayes.

### **APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council President Garganio opened the meeting up to the public at this time.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to close the public portion of the meeting. Voice vote – All ayes.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**

Council President Garganio stated that the township administration met with the fire district officials to review the defeated budget and identify the areas that could be cut from the proposed budget that would not affect the ability of the fire district to maintain operations. They were able to reduce the proposed budget by \$32,000 without negative impact to the fire districts ability to conduct business.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-102**

**Approve Current Estimate No. 6 for Water Treatment Plant Phase 2**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-103**

**Certification of Compliance with US EEOC Guidelines**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-104**

**Authorize submission of Recreation Grant Application to NJDCA**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 105**

**Plan Endorsement Citizens Advisory Committee**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 106**

**Change Order No. 2 for Water Treatment Plant Phase 2**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 107**

**Approve Fire District Budget**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 109**

**Emergency Temporary Appropriation**

Council Representative Sandusky asked about Resolution No. 109 since it was not listed on the agenda. Administrator Fazekas stated that we were waiting for the state review of our budget. This resolution

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allows us to use a temporary budget until our budget is approved. Resolution No. 108 is for the Closed Session and will be approved later in the meeting.

Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Ostrander to approve Resolution Nos. 2021-102 through 2021-107 and 2021-109.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Garganio

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous vote – Motion carried

### **ORDINANCES**

None at this time.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

None at this time.

### **REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Wilkie stated that Resolution No. 2021-104 the Council just approved was for a recreation grant application to make improvements to the old public works building. Until very recently it had only been used for storage since the new public works garage was opened. We plan to renovate this building to be used for recreational purposes if we receive the grant.

Mayor Wilkie said that Memorial Day is May 30<sup>th</sup>. American Legion Posts 194 and 39 both have activities planned to commemorate the day. Also, Roebling Museum will be sponsoring the Garden Tour and Car Show again this year.

#### **Administrator**

Administrator Fazekas advised Mayor and Council that today was the first day of Covid-19 testing in Florence. Testing will be done every Wednesday at the old public works garage until further notice. Florence Township will hold a Covid-19 vaccine clinic on June 3, 2021.

In light of the governor easing restriction, Administrator Fazekas stated the he is evaluating the situation in Florence Township and should have an idea very soon as to when the township offices will be open to the public again.

Council President Garganio stated that Administrator Fazekas did a great job of coordinating with Burlington County to bring testing and vaccines right here to Florence Township. Now we just have to get the word out to the residents.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

None at this time.

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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

None at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Kristan Marter, 220 East Front Street, asked for an explanation of Resolution 2021-105. Mayor Wilkie explained that this was to approve the creation of a plan endorsement citizens advisory committee to guide the community through the State Plan Endorsement process. Ms. Marter stated that she would like to be appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Voice vote – All ayes.

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. where no action will be taken. Voice vote – all ayes.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 7:49 p.m. No action was taken. Motion of Woolston, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:49p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk